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Dear Sir:


The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449 may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit the list of these references in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is

requested to make these references of official record in this application. The above-identified application is a continuation of prior application U.S. Patent Application No. 08/577,278. This prior application is being relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Because the listed references were either cited by the PTO, or submitted to the PTO in the prior application, under 37 CFR § 1.98(d) Applicants submit that copies need not be provided.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the above-referenced application. Accordingly, it is believed that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if it is determined that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-0685 (Order No. RATLP005C1).

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